Ohio Northern University  
MEMORANDUM  

November 27, 2013

To: Faculty and Staff  
Re: University Faculty Meeting  

The regular meeting of the Faculty will be held Tuesday, December 3, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. in the Activities Room of McIntosh Center. The agenda is as follows:

1. Call to order.  
2. Invocation – Dr. Harold Putt.  
4. Unfinished business.  
5. Approval of Fall Term Graduates – Registrar’s Office.  
6. Honorary Degree recommendations – Dr. Smalley (Attachment I).  
7. Report from University Council – Dr. Jeff Allison.  
8. Reports from Constitutional Committee  
   a) Budget and Appropriations – Professor Ron Beaschler  
   b) Academic Affairs – Dr. Firas Hassan  
   c) Student Affairs – Dr. Jenny Walton  
   d) Personnel – Dr. Michele Govekar  
9. Reports from Operational Committees  
   a) Athletic Events – Professor Thomas Simmons  
   b) Cultural Events – Dr. Laurie Bell  
   c) International Affairs – Dr. Brian Keas  
   d) Religious Affairs – Chaplain David MacDonald  
   e) Information Technology – Mr. Jeff Rieman  
10. Questions for the President – Dr. Dan DiBiasio.  
12. Other reports.  
15. Adjournment.
HONORARY DEGREE NOMINATIONS FOR 2013-14

Mark Evan Butler received his PSPH degree in Pharmacy from ONU in 1979. He was a Commander in the 59th Clinical Support Group of the United States Government from 2009 to 2011. Butler was appointed as Pharmacy Consultant to the Surgeon General and Associate Chief for Pharmacy from 2008 to 2009. His memberships in professional and civic organizations have included: ONU College of Pharmacy Advisory Board Member; leadership positions in pharmacy at Wright Patterson AFB; and served as the commander of a medical support squadron at Lajes Field, Azores, Portugal, among others. In 2001, he received the United States Air Force Maxine Beatty Award (Field Grade Pharmacist of the Year). In 2007, he was awarded the USAF Pharmacy of the Year. He received the “Excellence in Pharmacy Operations Award” in 2008 at the Military Health System Conference. This was followed by the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Society of Air Force Pharmacy in 2010.

John Genovese is head of Genovese, Joblove & Battista’s reorganization and insolvency practice. His areas of legal proficiency and practice include troubled loan workouts, bankruptcy, and insurance insolvencies, with an emphasis on complex litigation in Bankruptcy and U.S. District Court, and other complex commercial litigation. Genovese has been listed in each edition of Woodward/White’s The Best Lawyers in America since 1989, and has been named to the Legal Media Group’s guide to the World’s Leading Insolvency and Restructuring Lawyers. He is active in the Bankruptcy/UCC Committee of the Business Law Section of The Florida Bar and has served as co-chairman of the South Florida Court and U.S. Trustee Liaison Committee. Additionally, Genovese was appointed to the Florida Judicial Nominating Commission and elected to the Board of Directors for the Bankruptcy Bar Association for the Southern District of Florida. He received his B.S. from Siena College and his J.D. from Ohio Northern University.

Robert Kerscher is a 1970 graduate of Ohio Northern University. He is founder, retired chairman and chief executive officer of Lexi-Comp, Inc. Lexi-Comp is an Ohio-based medical publisher and a leader in providing clinical content at the point-of-care. Its diverse information databases enable clinicians to make informed decisions to enhance patient care. Lexi-Comp’s publishing model focuses on an increased frequency of updates, often daily, to its online and handheld databases, ensuring the most up-to-date information is available for customer access. Lexi-Comp’s products contribute to a decreased incidence of adverse drug events and improved quality of patient care. In addition to its core drug information databases, Lexi-Comp offers a growing number of laboratory, diagnostic medicine, dental, natural, custom formulary and patient education products. Lexi-Comp also maintains key strategic partnerships with other industry leaders to provide additional important content and functionality. Since founding Lexi-Comp in 1978, Kerscher led efforts to grow the business into a multifaceted medical publishing company. His primary responsibilities included overseeing seven business units in three primary divisional areas and developing new business relationships with key clients and professional organizations. Kerscher also was instrumental in identifying new opportunities for the expansion of product lines and avenues for selling the products to enhance Lexi-Comp’s position in the marketplace. Kerscher was named the Northeast Ohio Ernst & Young 2004 Entrepreneur of the Year in the communications and networking category. He also serves as a member of the Board of Trustees at Ohio Northern.
Nils Riess retired from Ohio Northern University as Director of the Freed Center for the Performing Arts, Chair of the Department of Communication and Theatre Arts, Director of Media Communication Services and Performing Arts, Head of the Fine Arts Division, and Professor of Theatre. His vision has created many powerful arts experiences for audiences and artists. He has developed international links and artists exchanges with Australia, Estonia, Finland, New Zealand, and Portugal to name a few. One of these ventures was the concept and establishment of the International Play Festival at ONU. This is a one of a kind concept not present in other institutions of higher education. During his long career, Riess has nurtured students, faculty, and professional artists sharing their visions of artistic development. Recently he has continued his own professional growth as an actor in six independent films. In addition, for his work in the arts, Riess has received many awards including the coveted Ohio Governors Award for the Arts and Head of the International Jury for the 2012 Baltic Theatre Festival.